

Rep. Wilson Encourages Working Families to Take Advantage of Tax Credit

WASHINGTON DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) wants his constituents to be aware of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC continues to be one of America's most powerful anti-poverty and work support programs. Each year, the credit helps approximately 24 million working families make ends meet, and lifts nearly five million out of poverty. However, an estimated five to seven million eligible taxpayers nationwide do not claim benefits they are entitled to through the EITC.

In an effort to help struggling families during this economic downturn, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 temporarily increased the EITC, expanded it for three or more children and increased the amount of EITC benefits current beneficiaries receive, making over 650,000 new families and 1.3 million children eligible. Currently, families making up to \$48,000 may qualify for the credit, which may be worth more than \$5,600.

“As we pull out of the recession, it is more important than ever for eligible families to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit,” said Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6). “The Recovery Act expanded the EITC, so it's likely that there are taxpayers who may be eligible for the first time.”

Wilson is encouraging his constituents to visit the IRS EITC Central website at www.eitc.irs.gov or call the IRS at 800-829-1040 to determine whether or not they are eligible.

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